



By JACK O. BALDWIN

A tale strange enough to be "Stranger Than Fiction" happened here in Torrance about two years ago in the offices of a very prominent doctor.

"Well, let's have a look," said the doctor as he stepped to the basin in the examining room to wash his hands.

The doctor pulled a fresh paper towel from the wall container and as he stood before her drying his hands he asked: "Just what seems to be the trouble?"

"I don't know exactly except that about two weeks ago I caught cold and I can't seem to shake it and now this swelling showed up," she told him, placing her hand on her neck slightly below the ear.

The doctor felt the swollen spot, tilted her head to the side to feel for a swelling on the other side of her jaw. "Both sides, eh?"

"No, not exactly. I'm conscious of it but it doesn't really hurt," she told him. "There is something else I don't know if it has any bearing on it, but this spot on the back of my hand. At first I thought it was a bruise but instead of going away it seems to be getting larger," the girl explained to the doctor as she raised her hand and pointed to an irregular blotch near the base of her thumb.

The doctor looked at the bluish spot, pressed on it with his thumb, then looking her in the eyes asked "Hurt?"

She answered by shaking her head indicating "No."

Then followed the routine examination. Heart, Lungs, The eye chart, The little red rubber hammer. "Touch your finger to your nose. Other hand. Now repeat after me. Rubber baby bumpers bumped bottoms."

"Rubber baby bumpers bumped bottoms," she repeated blawlessly.

"Married?" the doctor queried.

"No," then with a smile added, "Darn it."

"Well, Miss Reason. I hear some congestion in your chest and your blood pressure may be down a point or two depending upon what is normal for you. I would like to run some lab tests on you, especially a blood count, to see what they might reveal," said the doctor as he unhooked the stethoscope from about his neck and hung it upon a hook on the wall.

"Meanwhile, I'll give you a few hundred thousand units of penicillin and a prescription you can pick up at the pharmacy. If you'll lie right there I'll have a nurse come in to give you the penicillin and to take a sample of blood. Then I think we ought to see you again tomorrow after the lab report is in. Alright?" he asked heading for the door leading to the corridor.

In the lab the samples of Miss Reason's blood was being subjected to all the routine tests. One after one the tests began to indicate that something was wrong with Miss Reason. Something very wrong.

The lab technician studied her findings very closely. She ran some of the tests a second time just to be certain. As she huddled over her microscope wind-up the white blood count, a nurse stepped into the lab. "Hey," she remarked in a light-hearted manner, "you've been working almost through your lunch hour. Don't you know there's a law in California that says every woman is entitled to a lunch hour."

"You and the others go ahead, I must finish this. I'll

New El Camino Library to Open During Vacation

Plans to move into the new El Camino College library during spring vacation, Mar. 28 to Apr. 5, were announced today by Carl G. Artwedson, college business manager.

Library furniture is now being received for the building, which is rapidly nearing completion, Artwedson said. The installation of book shelves is the one big project yet to be finished, he added.

Artwedson also told of the receipt of approval and allocation of materials for the construction of a welding shop to be added to current shop facilities. The addition should be ready for use by the beginning of the fall semester this year, he estimated.

ECC to Present Popular Musical

"Pirates of Penzance" will be this year's spring musical at El Camino College, according to Hamilton Maddaford, assistant director of student personnel.

"This three-act operetta is among the three or four most popular works of Gilbert and Sullivan," said Maddaford. "Although it is not performed as often as 'The Mikado' or 'H. M. S. Pinafore,' it is as delightful."

This work was selected, according to Maddaford, because a renewed interest in Gilbert and Sullivan musicals has been evidenced by the forthcoming movie portraying the lives and works of this composing team, and because the symbolic realization of the music department's ambition to present a production emphasizing music more than acting.

A large and strong chorus is a necessity in this particular work, Maddaford said in urging everyone in the community who is interested in participating to enroll now in either the college choir, or the production workshop class.

Dr. R. Gordon Orme will be in charge of the dramatics, and Maddaford will have general charge of the music. Audition dates for the principal leads will be announced soon.

Previous musicals presented at the college have included "Fit the Deck," "Sunny," "Of Thee I Sing," and "Finian's Rainbow."

Realty Board Members Inspect Property Here

Sixteen members of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board checked thirteen pieces of property during the "Caravan" last Tuesday, according to Bill McEwen, chairman of the caravan committee.

The inspection of listed property is conducted every two or three weeks, according to McEwen. A Torrance municipal bus is chartered for the tour.

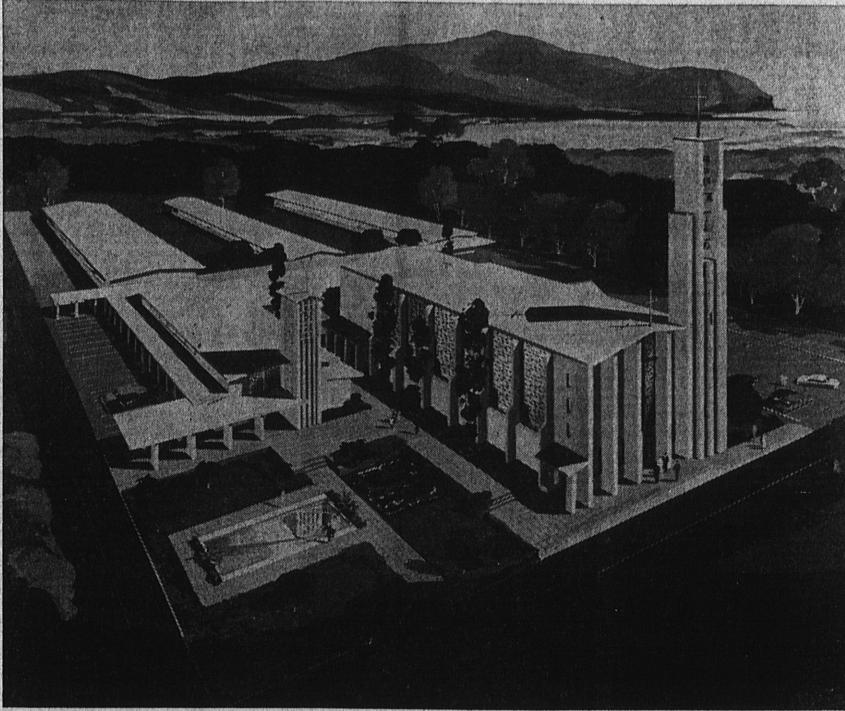
"be along shortly," suggested the lab technician looking up for a moment from the dual eyepiece of the fine instrument setting before her.

As the nurse shrugged her shoulders and walked away the lab technician picked up the chart of the patient whose blood she was examining and opposite the word "Conclusion" near the bottom of the page she wrote: "Leukemia."

"That's why she had to make certain she was right. Leukemia. A disease for which there is no known cure. A disease fatal, sooner or later, to all who contract it.

The white uniformed lab technician studied the patient's chart a moment before signing her name to the report. At the top it read: Patient—Miss Ann Reason. She read it from top to bottom where there was a line for the technician to sign her name. She picked up her pen and opposite the words, Laboratory Tests Performed By: she signed her name, Miss Ann Reason.

In the Torrance Memorial Hospital just nine days after the attractive 22-year old lab technician first looked through her microscope to see the lengthening shadows of death, she died.



LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANS . . . The long-range building program of the First Lutheran Church of Torrance is shown here in the above sketch by Architect Edward D. Davies, who designed the edifice. Planned for construction soon is the sanctuary at left center and an office wing in the rear.

The main edifice will be built later as will the day school units shown at the rear of the property. The proposed church will be located on Carson St. (foreground) at Flower (left). The fund campaign, under the general chairmanship of Dr. Joe Bay, reached the half-way mark this week.

South Bay Shriners to Install New Officers Saturday Night

Judge Otto B. Willett of Hollywood Riviera will take an active part in next Saturday night's South Bay Shrine Club installation ceremonies, to be held at the Westport Beach Club, Playa del Rey.

Willett will take office as vice-president, assisting President-elect Robert L. Brady, who has been associated with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for 30 years. Brady is a member of Al Malakiah's Golden Boot Patrol.

Other officers to be installed are Dean Johnston of Redondo Beach and Robert J. Rosevear of Manhattan Beach, vice-presidents; Carl J. Oppel of Manhattan Beach, secretary-treasurer; and Col. James C. Bell of Redondo Beach, chaplain.

Newly-installed illustrious Potentate Arch L. Field of Almalakiah Temple, AAONMS, will be installing officer. Accompanying Potentate Field will be members of the Divan and delegations of the uniformed bodies of Los Angeles Temple.

Logan R. Cotton of Redondo Beach, potentate's ambassador, will be master of ceremonies. The installation party is open to all Shriners, their ladies, and guests, but reservations must be made through one of the officers, according to Howard L. Henrich, publicity chairman.

The South Bay Shrine Club is composed of Shriners from Hollywood Riviera, Palos Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hawthorne, and Redondo Beach.

The polo victim was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Stalcup of 2127 W. 248th St. She also leaves an older sister.



FOUR FREEDOMS . . . Rosemary De Camp of Hollywood Riviera (left) discusses final plans for Friday night's Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Dinner at the Redondo Eagles Hall with members of the arrangements committee; Mrs. Cecil Robinson, Mrs. Jack Mather, and Mrs. Ed Coury (left to right). Miss DeCamp will be mistress of ceremonies for this area-wide Democratic Rally, the theme of which will be F. D. R.'s Four Freedoms. Walter Binns, U. S. District Attorney, and Capt. Jack Young, famous for his portrayal of the late President Roosevelt, will be guest speakers. (Al Frederic photo).

Building Fund Drive At Half-Way Point

Plans for New Lutheran Church Displayed Here; Half of Funds Needed are Pledged

"Today's dream is tomorrow's reality," and members of the First Lutheran Church of Torrance are hard at work making their dreams come true.

A campaign now under way to raise \$72,000 for the first units of a new church and day school center at Carson and Flower reached the half-way point this week, according to Rev. Paul Wenske, pastor of the church.

The first unit will include a sanctuary, to be used as a social hall later; Sunday School buildings; and an office wing, according to Dr. Joe Bay, general chairman of the campaign.

The architect's master plan for the future church on a 3 1/2-acre site calls for a main sanctuary which will seat 800 persons, a chapel for weddings and other church services, a Sunday School building with 18 classrooms, two Christian day school buildings with four classrooms each, and a social hall that will seat 500 persons.

Also included in the plans is a general administration building with offices, library, council room, kitchen, a social room, and a choir room.

Topping the entire scene will be a modern 100-foot bell tower which will dominate the area. Planned is a large parking area for off-street parking.

Three Dentists To Aid Health Assn. Project

Three additional dentists have agreed to help in the current dental welfare program of the Torrance Dental Health Assn. according to the second quarterly report of the organization tendered by Dean L. Sears, president.

Joining the ranks of four other dentists already engaged in the program are Drs. Burton L. Basley, W. A. Hoxie, and T. T. Weir. Participating in the program since its inception have been Drs. Arthur Berke, W. K. Bryant, Robert Musulas, and J. S. Roberts. Each of the seven dentists care for one case at all times.

According to Mrs. Ralph Mc Bee, executive secretary of the association, thirteen calls on parents of children approved by the dental committee have been made during the past six months to discuss financial arrangements for work to be done on children needing dental care. The executive secretary, who receives \$25 monthly for expenses, has made 35 trips to dentists with children under treatment.

After discussing each case with the participating dentists reports are tendered by the executive secretary to the executive board. To date the association has approved 38 cases; completed 4; are treating 7; referred to other agencies 6 cases, and have 21 cases on the waiting list.

Contributions to the association have totaled \$1834.53, with expenses amounting to \$218.50 plus \$279 encumbered by cases now in process.

Bank Officials Attend Association Meeting

R. J. Deininger, W. B. Hickey, and N. O. Payl represented Torrance National Bank at the January dinner meeting of the Independent Bankers Association of Southern California, held in Los Angeles Tuesday of last week.

Spring Schedule for Adult Education Classes

Table with columns: Course Name, Days, Time, Room. Includes TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL and TORRANCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL classes.

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Table with columns: Course Name, Days, Time, Location. Includes LECTURE SERIES.

Know Your Real Estate—Ten weeks, Feb. 18-April 22 Wednesday nights, 7:30-9:30, High School cafeteria.

Understanding Yourself and Your Child—Six weeks, Feb. 4-March 11, Wednesday afternoons, 12-2, auditorium Seaside School.

Tartar Teen Talk

By JUDI REID. Here it is almost February and a whole semester has passed. Of course that meant finals which were studied hard for last week. Grades come out next Monday and the most of heard statement is, "Oh, I hope I get an A, B, C, or even D. But not an F."

The Student Body elections were held last week and from the looks of things we'll really have a good student council. The new student officers seem very capable and congratulations are certainly due — congratulations!

On behalf of the Student Body I'd like to thank Sally Hickman, your last semester's Tartar Teen Talk editor for the swell job she did. We really appreciate it, Sally.

After last week's basketball game with Redondo, the Tri-Hi-Y had a dance at the YM. We had a real great turnout both from Redondo and Torrance. The Varsity Club took its annual initiation trip to Big Bear last weekend. From what's going around, the poor initiates had to do everything from garnishing raw eggs to eating cakes of soap. Then as if that wasn't enough, the gooey mixture of raw oats and molasses had to be chewed and swallowed. I'm surprised any of them came back alive, but they did and with only one casualty: Harold Holmes, a sled, and a tree cold.

It's coming, it's almost here. Let's all get out and support the basketball teams—Varsity and Bee, at Beverly Hills tomorrow. A supported team is a winning team.

THS Students Await Mid-Semester Grades

Classes for the spring semester in adult education courses will start here Wednesday, Feb. 4, it was announced yesterday by Vernon Sheblak, director of the Torrance School of Adult Education.

With classes meeting throughout the area each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, and other classes scheduled throughout the days, the school is offering a wide selection of work—much of it leading to high school diplomas if desired.

Information about credits and other details of the program. Director Sheblak said, may be obtained by phoning Torrance 1518 or by writing to him at 2200 W. Carson St.

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